

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s):	Khalil Arar	Art Unit:	1637
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 01, 2009, please accept the following amendments and consider the following remarks in accordance with the Rules of Practice. Applicant believes that no additional fee is due, however the Commissioner is authorized to withdraw any additional fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1662.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.